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SUBJECT: GREEK CHARGE'S CALL ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAINGEN

1. GREEK CHARGE NOMIKOS CALLED AUGUST 8 ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAINGEN TO RAISE TWO MATTERS: (A) TURKISH-CYPRIOT REPRESENTATION ABROAD AND (B) U.S. SHIPPING POLICY TOWARD CUBA.

2. NOMIKOS SAID THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT PRESS RECENTLY CARRIED ITEMS ON BUDGET APPROVAL FOR OPENING "DELEGATIONS" ABROAD, I.E. IN ANKARA, MERSINA, NEW YORK (U.N.) AND LONDON. ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH MISSIONS, NOMIKOS SUGGESTED, WOULD CONSTITUTE RECOGNITION FOR THE TFSC.

3. LAINGEN NOTED THAT TURKISH-CYPRIOT OFFICES IN ANKARA AND MERSINA WERE TO BE EXPECTED AND WERE OF NO SIGNIFICANCE.
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THERE WAS ALSO SOME UNOFFICIAL TURKISH-CYPRIOT PRESENCE IN NEW YORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY'S UN MISSION. LAINGEN STRESSED THAT THE U.S. HAS RECOGNIZED ONLY

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THE SOVEREIGN STATE OF CYPRUS AND REFUSED TO GRANT EVEN A TOKEN OF RECOGNITION TO THE TFSC.

4. THE GREEK CHARGE TURNED TO THE RECENT OAS ACTION LIFTING

ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA AND ASKED IF THIS PORTENDED ANY RELAXATION OF U.S. RESTRICTION ON GREEK SHIPPING. THIS WAS, NOMIKOS EMPHASIZED, A VERY PRESSING ISSUE FOR ATHENS.

5. LAINGEN INDICATED THAT THE OAS DECISION MIGHT, OVER TIME, HAVE AN EFFECT ON U.S. POLICY WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW, BUT AS OF NOW THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE.

6. DURING THE CONVERSATION, LAINGEN SAID WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY RECENT TALKS IN VIENNA ON CYPRUS, AND HOPED THIS PRESAGED FURTHER MOVEMENT IN NEW YORK NEXT MONTH. AT THE SAME TIME, THE TURKS CONTINUE TO CONVEY TO US THE DIFFICULTIES THEY FACE IN MOVING TOWARD A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT SO LONG AS THE ARMS EMBARGO REMAINS. KISSINGER

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